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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel all pending claims 1-10 in the subject application.

Please add the following new claims 11-30:

11. A device for protecting a wound on a limb wherein said device comprises an enclosure comprising a plastic material, wherein said enclosure has a closeable opening at an end thereof, and wherein said device further comprises a fastening means to enable the opening of said enclosure to be closed around the limb with an affected part of the limb contained within said enclosure; and wherein said device further comprises a fluid-absorbent material within said enclosure.

12. The device according to claim 11, wherein said enclosure is gas-impermeable.

13. The device according to claim 11, wherein said plastic material is of a multi-layer plastic construction including a gas-impermeable layer.